

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) An optical element ~~[(10)]~~ comprising:

a lens-barrel having an inner peripheral surface and an annular recess formed at an end of said inner peripheral surface having an annular recess inner surface extending axially;

an optically functional surface ~~(1)~~ and having a flange ~~[(2)]~~ formed on the outer periphery thereof, and having on the ;

said flange having an outer peripheral cylindrical surface with a fitted portion fitted to the inner peripheral surface of said lens-barrel below said annular recess ~~a lens-barrel (20) that has a concave groove (22) for filling an adhesive (A) formed on a part of the inner peripheral surface, and ;~~

said flange having an adhering portion to be adhered to the lens-barrel which is an axially extending surface radially opposing said annular recess inner surface (20) by the adhesive (A) filled in said concave groove (22), wherein ;

adhesive filled in said annular recess and on said adhering portion interconnecting said annular recess inner surface and said adhering portion; and

said flange having a raised annular portion extending axially and disposed radially inward of said adhering portion (3) is formed on the flange surface inside the flange outer peripheral surface to prevent the adhesive (A) filled in the concave groove (22) of the lens-barrel from flowing to the optically functional surface [(1)].

2. (Currently Amended) The optical element according to claim 1, wherein:

said raise annular portion has a first slant face (4) is formed on [(the)] an outer peripheral side of said raised annular portion [(3),] ; and

said inner peripheral surface of said annular recess is a second slant face (5) is formed extending from [(the)] an upper end of [(a)] said fitted portion of the flange outer peripheral surface toward the flange surface.

3. (Currently Amended) The optical element according to claim 2, wherein the first slant face (4) ~~on the peripheral side of said raised portion (3) and the second slant face (5) formed from the upper end of the fitted portion toward the flange surface~~ are on the same plane.

4. (Currently Amended) The optical element according to claim 1, wherein a space [(6)] is formed between the raised annular portion [(3)] and the optically functional surface [(1)].